

relief from the state treasury on the real property. So what the bill, if you don't amend it to help out small business and farmers with my \$100,000 limitation, will do is it will make our tax system more regressive than it is today, not more progressive, but more regressive. If you adopt the amendment we traded, we traded for those that cannot afford to pay it. We helped them out, and we don't help those out that are most able to pay. I plead that you move this amendment on to the bill, that you pass the amendment, and then pass the bill on across. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Burrows amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 21 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. What do you have on your desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment offered is one that had previously been considered by the Legislature and was left pending, offered by Senator Frank Lewis. It's found on page 1577 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I offered that amendment last week because Senator Burrows wasn't here, and Senator Newell. I think Senator Newell has other amendments before we get to that, as I recall the procedure.

PRESIDENT: No. Everybody has.... It's the only thing up here, and it's pending.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll start.

PRESIDENT: No, I don't know about starting. We've had 22 people speak on this matter already. You've already spoken twice, Senator. You'll want to save yours for close, wouldn't you?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Oh that's absolutely correct.

PRESIDENT: Well Senator Schmit's light is on. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'm against the Lewis amendment. That's all I've got to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support the Lewis amendment which is probably, if we're going to exempt the personal property tax, it is probably the only right and decent way, if I can use those words much to Johnny DeCamp's enagrin, the only way we can honestly eliminate personal property tax and provide some money back to the counties. We have to do that in relationship, in some relationship anyhow even though it's not a direct relationship, to what the counties pay in. This personal property tax exemption plan, as everybody understands, is aimed at relieving personal property tax, as a number of us have said is an unfair tax. What we're going to do is use property tax, personal property tax, we're going to exempt it and we're going to provide an unfair tax, the sales and income taxes to provide for "local government assistance". In other words, we're going